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### UPDATE ON HUMAN SKULL FOUND AT TUZIGOOT RIVER ACCESS POINT

*June 10, 2018 (Clarkdale, AZ)* – On June 4, 2018, a human skull was located by swimmers at the Tuzigoot River Access Point. Clarkdale Police responded to the scene and began an investigation.

The skull was taken to the Yavapai County Medical Examiner's Office. The department received information on June 7, 2018 that the examiner determined the skull to be historical remains and had no reason to believe it is evidence of a crime. The Medical Examiner's Office will coordinate additional examination by an anthropologist and possibly an odontologist to obtain more information.

The Clarkdale Police Department is coordinating with other local jurisdictions. The remains will be released to the proper agency once the Medical Examiner's investigation is complete.

On the afternoon of June 10, 2018, Aaron Stubblefield, who was involved with the finding of the skull, returned to the scene and located a lower mandible in the same area. Stubblefield was accompanied by his friend Travis Page and they turned the mandible over to an officer. The Medical Examiner's Office will conduct an examination of the mandible and work with coordinating agencies on their findings.

If you have any questions, please contact Sgt. Florisi at 928-649-7700. Additional information will be posted on the Town of Clarkdale website at <http://www.clarkdale.az.gov> when it becomes available.

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